

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is filed in order to facilitate processing of the above-identified application. In particular, Applicants have amended the specification to indicate that this is a divisional application. In addition, claims 1-12 are canceled without prejudice. Claims 3-6 remain in the application. Claims 3-6 were withdrawn from prosecution in the parent application in a restriction requirement dated April 14, 2003.

A favorable consideration on the merits is believed to be next in order, and is earnestly solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that any additional fees are due with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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